

History records that two centuries ago on the eve of your independence, and during my nation's Revolutionary War, more than 500 of your ancestors came from Haiti to my country and died in the fight to bring the United States to life. More than 200 years later, the United States is proud to have helped to give you a second chance to build your democracy and bring life to the dreams of your liberators.

I have been told that, throughout your land, our soldiers, our diplomats, and our volunteers have been greeted by hand-painted signs with three simple words. These words go right to their hearts and to mine. They are: Thank you, America. Now, it is my turn to say, *Merci à Haiti*. Thank you for the warmth of your welcome and your support for all who have joined hands with you. Thank you for embracing peace, for denying despair, for holding on to hope. Because of your courage, because of your determination, freedom can triumph over fear.

Today, we stand in the warm, bright light of liberty, and together, we can say, *Kenbé fèm, pa lagé. Kenbé fèm, pa lagé.*

Merci, and thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:16 a.m. at the National Palace. In his remarks, he referred to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti and United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 27

In the morning, the President met with Prime Minister James Bolger of New Zealand.

March 28

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Atlanta, GA. Later in the afternoon, he at-

tended a reception for participants of the Economic Conference at the residence of Gov. Zell Miller of Georgia.

March 29

In the evening, the President traveled to Tallahassee, FL.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tommy Edward Jewell III as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

The President announced his intention to designate Shirley A. Jackson to be Chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission following her confirmation as a Commissioner.

March 30

In the morning, the President went to the State Capitol where he met with direct loan recipients, police officers, and welfare-to-work mothers in the Senate President's Conference Room. He then met with Democratic leadership members in the House Rules Committee Room.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Tampa Bay, FL. He traveled to Palm Beach, FL, later in the afternoon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth H. Bacon to the post of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

The President announced his intention to reappoint Zvi Kestenbaum and to appoint Bernyce Adler, Fred Hochberg, and Lee Seeman as members of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad.

The White House announced the President has asked the Intelligence Oversight Board to conduct a Government-wide review of the allegations surrounding the 1990 death of Michael Devine and the 1992 disappearance of Efrain Bamaca Valesquez in Guatemala.

March 31

In the morning, the President traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

In the afternoon, the President went to the National Palace where he met with President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Following a reception, he attended the Unit-

ed Nations transition ceremony on the palace lawn.

In the early evening, the President met with U.S. troops at the Warrior Base. He then went to the U.S. Embassy where he met with embassy staff. Following the meeting, he traveled to Little Rock, AR.

The President announced his intention to appoint Karen Lau Sullivan to be U.S. Alternate Representative to the South Pacific Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vera Alexander as a member of the Marine Mammal Commission.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted March 28

James John Hoecker,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2000 (reappointment).

John M. Deutch,
of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, vice R. James Woolsey, resigned.

Withdrawn March 30

Catherine Baker Stetson,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2000, vice James D. Santini, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 5, 1995.

Submitted March 30

Catherine Baker Stetson,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts De-

velopment for a term expiring May 19, 2000, vice LaDonna Harris, resigned.

Submitted March 31

Michele Driscoll Alioto,
of California, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1996, vice Michael B. Unhjem, term expired.

Wiley Y. Daniel,
of Colorado, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Colorado, vice Sherman G. Finesilver, retired.

Tommy Edward Jewell III,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1995, vice Janice L. Gradwohl, term expired.

Tommy Edward Jewell III,
of New Mexico, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1998 (re-appointment).

Diane P. Wood,
of Illinois, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, vice William J. Bauer, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the President's visit to Haiti

Transcript of a press briefing by Director of the Office of Management and Budget Alice Rivlin, Senior Policy Adviser to the Vice